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MINUTES

Of the twenty-second Annual Session of the Contentnea Buptist Association, held at Swift Creck m. h., Craven county, N. C., on the 23rd, 24th and 25th days of Oct. 1852.

SATURDAY, October 23. preached it from Romans, 8 c. and 14 v. "For Thompson. as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they

are the sons of God." by Elder G. M. Thompson.

3rd. Appointed Elder Benjamin Bynum lowing table.

nd Jesse C. Knight Assistant Clerk.

Associations were invited to take seats with us they shall not violate the rules further laid who does fellowship them, nor will we hold -When from Kehukee, Elder John Daniel, down in this Constitution. and Brethren Joseph D. Biggs, Satchwell, Art. 2. In the letters from the different Flemming, Swindell, Staton and Bennett; churches, shall be expressed, their number in 1st. Assembled for the purpose of preach- from White Oak, Elders Smith, Holt, Davis full fellowship, those baptized, received by leting the Introductory Sermon, and Brother and Willie; from Little River, S. Smith and ter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and Griffin who was appointed last year to preach Peacock; Country Line and Abbot's Creek not dead, since our last Association. it, requested Elder Wilson Thompson to fill represented; from Indiana, Elder Wilson Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conthat appointment which was accepted; and he Thompson; from Kentucky, Elder G. M. vened, shall have no power to lord it over

brethren Joseph R. Croom & Sanders P. Cox. they infringe any of the internal rights of any 2nd. The delegates met together, and the 6th. Called for the letters from the different church in the union. Association was opened by prayer and praise Churches in this Association, and entered as

Names of churches, and counties wherein situated.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.			Contributions. butions. Sumber in fellowship. Deceased. Excluded. Dis. by let r. Restored. Rec. by let r. Baptised.							
Autrey's Creek, Edgecombe,	John R. Moore,	2		1			1	35	1	00	
Black Creek, Wayne,	Wm. Bass, * J. Lamb, * A. Lamb, *	2			2			23	1	00	
Blount's Creek, Beaufort,	Archibald Jones, George Hill, J. J. Edwards,	7				1		95	2	00	
Friendship, Wayne,	Not represented,										
Galloway's, Pitt,	Arnet Edwards, Sam. Boyd, Silas Edwards,					1		19	1	00	
Goose Creek, Beaufort,	Major Clark, * Elijah W. Lewis,							19		75	
Hancock's Pitt,	Lenear Griffin, J. Smith, Wm. Momford,					2	1	25		50	
Meadow, Grecene,	Benj'n Bynum, Miles Smith, Thomas Croom,	4		1			1	28	1	00	
Memorial, Wayne,	Washington Hooks,*	1					1	10		50	
Milton, Craven,	Arthur Miller, * J. Tinggle, J. S. Brinson,						1	15		75	
Nauhunta, Wayne,	Shadrach Pate, * Silas Pate, Lanear Pate, *	1				2	4	66	1	50	
New Chapel, Wayne,	Sanders P. Cox, Wm. Rouse,*				1			46	1	00	
Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe,	Jacob Proctor, * Frederick Proctor, *	4				- 1		14		75	
Pleasant Plains, Wayne,	Wright Smith,	1			-		1	7		50	
Red Banks, Pitt,	James Griffin, Josiah Nelson, C. Edwards,	3		1	1	1	2	61	1	00	
Rose of Sharon, Lenoir,	Wilson Tighnan,					1		3		50	
Sandy Bottom, Lenoir,	Joseph R. Croom, A. W. Wooten, R. Croom,*			1		1		10	1	00	
Swift's Creek, Craven,	Noah Gaskil, Asa Gaskin, Wm. Sirles,	4	1	1	-	- 1	1	56	1	50	
Tison's Pitt,	B. Briley, * B. Cory, * John Tison,	2		- 1		- 1	- 1	15		75	
Toisnot, Edgecombe,	Larry Dew, * Linsey Bell, * John Taylor,	7	2					31	1	00	
Town Creek, Edgecombe,	Jesse C. Knight, J. S. Duggan, B. P. Pitt,	18				3	3	64	2	50	
Union, Edgecombe,	Thomas Wells, John Whitehead, ElzyTaylor,	13		1		1	4	39	1	00	
White Oak, Edgecombe,	Ichabod Moore, W. M. Stanton, B. Bynum, *Absent.	6			1			31	1	00	
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7th. Called for petitionary letters, when I and that church was received a member in our egate the right hand of fellowship.

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8th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at White Oak, Edgecombe county, N. C. to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M. on Saturday before the fourth Lanear Griffin preach the Introductory Sermon, and if he fail, Elder James Griffin alter-

o'clock, A. M.

10 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, October 24. G. M. Thompson introduced the worship of ed with these Minutes. the day from a portion of the word of God,

After which, Elder Wilson Thompson foland zeal with which the brethren preached, we 3rd. think the Lord was with them, and we hope blessing for Christ's sake.

MONDAY, October 25.

12th. Met according to adjournment from in former years. Saturday last, when the Association was opened by prayer and praise by Elder Josiah above.

13th. Called the roll and noted the absen-

tees thus.*

14th. Called for letters from sister Associations; when one was handed forth from Kehukee by her delegates and a file of their last year's Minutes; also one from White Oak, by file of her Minutes.

15th. The committee on finance reported: Find in the hands of our Treasurer from last year's Minutes,

Contributions this year

Paid the Clerk for superintending the printing of last year's Minutes \$6 Paid for printing last year's Min-

16th. The committee that was continued one was handed in from Goose Creek and read, from last year to try to get a transcript from the old Neuse Association, reported that they union-the brother Moderator giving her del- had met and examined the Minutes of said Association, and had forgot their report; and the same committee was continued with instructions to report to our next Association.

17th. Appointed delegates to sister Associations. To Kehukee, Elder Lanear Griffin, Lord's day in October, 1853-and that Elder Jesse C. Knight, Bennet P. Pitt, John S. Duggan, John T. Croom, John Smith. To White Oak, Elders Benjamin Bynum, Shadrach Pate, and brethren Allen W. Wooten, ing to the direction of the Association. 9th. Appointed ministers to the stage to Joseph R. Croom. To Little River, Elders morrow-Elders Wilson Thompson and G. M., Ichabod Moore and Shadrach Pate, and breth-Thompson; and worship to commence at 10 ren Jesse C. Knight, Bennet P. Pitt, and Benjamin Bynum, Jr. To Country Line and 10th. Then adjourned till Monday morning Abbot's Creek, Elder Benjamin Bynum, Joseph R. Croom and Benjamin Bynum, Jr.

18th. Ordered, that the Constitution and Met at the stage at 10 o'clock, when Elder Rules of Decorum of this Association be print-

19th. Appointed Joseph R. Croom to write and preached with much abtility for about two a Circular Letter to be printed with our next Minutes if approved.

20th. Ordered, that the times of holding all lowed from Daniel, 2nd c. and 44 and 45 ver- the yearly meetings in our Association be ses: "And in the days of these kings shall the printed with these Minutes. At Autrey's God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall Creek, September 1st; Black Creek, October never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall 2nd; Blount's Creek, 5th Sunday; Friendship, 1. To provide for the general union of the not be left to other people, but it shall break August 4th; Galloway's, September 1st; in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and Hancock's, August 3rd; Meadow, September 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of commuit shall stand forever. Forasmuch as thou 4th; Memorial, October 1st; Nauhunta, Sepsawest that the stone was cut out of the moun- tember 3rd; New Chapel, September 2nd; tain without hands, and that it brake in pieces | Pleasant Hill, August 4th; Pleasant Plains, | the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and October 2nd; Red Banks, September 2nd, the gold; the great God hath made known to Rose of Sharon, 5th Sunday; Sandy Bottom; the king what shall come to pass hereafter: August 1st; Swift's Creek, September 4th; and the dream is certain, and the interpreta- Tison's, October 3rd; Toisnot, August 4th; tion thereof sure." Bro. Josiah Smith closed Town Creek, August 2nd; Union, August 3rd; the worship of the day-and from the ability White Oak, August 1st; Goose Creek, July

21st. Appointed Elder Ichabod Moore our he will crown the labors of the day with a Treasurer, and to transcribe and superintend the printing of these Minutes, and have six hundred copies printed and distribute them as 7. The Association shall have power to with-

22nd. Then adjourned to time and place

BENJAMIN BYNUM, Moderator: ICHABOD MOORE, Clerk.

THE CONSTITUTION,

Or, Form of Government of the Contentuca Baptist Association.

From a long series of experience, We, the her delegates and a file of her Minutes; also churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly bapone from Little River, by her delegates and a tized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion amongst us, and pre-\$28 40 serve and maintain a correspondence with each 22 50 other in our union: We therefore propose to we countenance any such individual, who may maintain and keep the order and rules of an reside or come among us, in the character of a \$50 90 Association, according to the following Plan, preacher. or Form of Government, viz:

posed of members chosen by the different our Association, establishing societies for the \$10 16 00 churches in our union and duly sent to repre-collection of money, or who may himself be sent them in the Association, who shall be collecting money to support any institution Now in the hands of our Treasurer, \$31 90 members, whom they judge best qualified for whatever. We will not fellowship any mem-

Moderator, and Elder Ichabod Moore Clerk, that purpose, and producing letters from their | ber or members of Missionary, Bible, Tract,

God's heritage-nor shall they have any eccle-5th. Appointed a committee on finance- siastical power over the churches; nor shall

Art. 4. The Association when convened, much of their contents as appears in the fol- shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the me mbers present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegates-and upon examination, (if found orthodox and orderly,) shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association, but shall have only three members from each

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be twice read: and before it be debated, the Moderator shall put it to vote; and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, and be deliberated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method for effecting quires. that purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which, we think it ly divided. the duty of each church in the union, to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received, and paid out accord-

Art. 12. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk, and the book by him shall be kept for the use of the Association, and he shall endeavor to have said book present at each Associa-

Art. 13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, (and corrected, if need be,) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this Plan, or Form of Government, may be made at any time by the majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have pow-

nion amongst the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches

fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund, to any purpose strictly connected with the business of this Association.

6. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business which they may see necessary draw from any church in this union, which violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of reli-

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, whom they shall judge necessary.

9. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any member who is in the practice of visiting the Masonic Lodges; or who, on any occasion, conforms to their custom of parades; nor will

Art. 17. We will not countenance any Article 1. The Association shall be com- preacher who shall travel within the bounds of

respective churches, certifying their appoint- or Sunday School Union, Societies, nor advo-4th. Ministers and messengers from sister ment, shall be entitled to a seat: Provided, cates of Theological Schools, nor any person any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members pres-

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

ject, and in no wise reflect on the person who cism seem to be passing away, and farmers spoke before, so as to make remarks on his now understand that a knowledge of the comslips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fair- ponents of their soil, and of the crops they inly state the case and matter as near as he can, tend to raise, is necessary to ensure an economso as to convey his light or ideas.

liberty obtained from it.

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public speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other terms or appellations than that of brother.

cept he break the Rules of this Decorum.

and knowingly break any of these rules, shall

AGRICULTURAL.



Agriculture is the chief foundation of a nation's power, as it not only furnishes man with food and clothing, but also with materials for the mechanic arts, and commerce."

[From the Charleston (S. C.) Standard.]

The following lyrical poem, which for vigor and purity of style, independent of the intrinsic merit of sentiment, which they also embody, is a favorable contrast to much of that puerile stuff which finds its way to public notoriety, is the production of a native pen, by one whose contributions to our local literature, has betrayed a maturity of taste and talent, which argues well for the future:

MAMMON.

Ay! make way for the glorious God! Whe comes with the rush of Fate; Bend the neck to his conquering rod, And cringe to his pomp of state. On a kingly Car he sits enthroned,

A Victor of charmed appeals. With a voice whose whisper is thunder toned, And the world at his chariot wheels.

Stand by! or the mighty train will ride, Over thy lifeless heart; How durst thou gaze on its glittering pride, Nor play the Courtier's part? Ha! who saith 'tis a slavish crowd?

Fool! thou art stricken blind; What if the clank of the chain be loud, 'Tis of gold-gold-thrice refined. Look not to the Heaven that smiles above,

Look not on the beautiful earth,

Stifle worship and murder love, For what is the madness worth? But worship is faith, the Angel's wealth, And love's is a bliss untold, Pshaw? honor them both, if you choose, by stealth But shout-for the God of Gold.

As the flashing wheels go 'round, Cries of wo with the tumult blend Of a triumph less profound= Victims writhe on the Chariot's track, Red is the course it rolls, And the God you worship looks not back On the mangled human souls,

Not yet! not yet! for mark you friend!

The Widow's groans and the Orphan's tears, The curse of imperial mind, Swell the chorus of darkened years,

That Demon hath left behind: From the dust his pampered steeds inhale, From the blackened and blasted sod, The cry of blood like a Phantom's wail, Mounts to the Courts of God.

And the door will open to the moaning prayer, And Vengeance will rise in might.

And swear by the Lord who reigneth there, To give to the Nations-right: And his glance will burn through the fiery skies, And the God of this world sink down; With the glare of Hell in his lustful eyes, And the rust on his waning Crown.

Then Temper! throttle the damning lie. Which maketh the wise to laugh. And tell us not that the creed is high. Whose type-is a golden Calf; Gold! may the strength of its rule decay. Wither it branch and root, 'Tis only found in the realms of Day, To be trodden-under foot.

From the Working Farmer.

Agricultural Improvements.

Never since the commencement of our editorial labors have we felt so much enthusiasm as Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the sub- during the past season. The days of empiriical and profitable production. But few intel-Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off ligent farmers repudiate the use of books; they or absent himself from the Association without | no longer believe that a fact is less a fact because it is printed. Deep-plowing, sub-soil Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak plowing, under-draining, and the improved more than three times to one subject, without methods of planting special crops subject to weeds, with others, which may protect them, Art. 8. No member of the Association shall from such weedy growth, from their sudden have liberty of laughing during the sitting of germination, and consequent shading of the the same, nor of whispering in the time of a crop to be protected, are all passing into gen-

Farmers now know that an oat and a carrot crop may be raised from the same piece of ground and in the same season with less labor Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt of weeding, than if raised on two separate any member in, or prohibit him from, speak- fields. An intelligent farmer can scarcely be ing, till he gives his light on the subject, ex- found, who does not know that his soil may be deepened by gradually increasing the depth to 11. The names of the several members of which he plows .- All who have tried it are the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, aware, and those who have not are more ready and called over as often as the Association re- to believe, that deeply sub-soiled lands never suffer from drought. The fact that a proper Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last rotation of crops is the true rest of the soil, person who shall speak to the subject, who and that consequently fallows are unnecessamay give his opinion if he please before he ry, is no longer doubted by those who are enputs the matter to a vote; but shall have no titled to the name of practical farmers. Pracvote himself, unless the Association be equal- tical men (and by such, we do not mean mere farm laborers who have no knowledge beyond Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly that necessary to enable them to handle a farm tool,) know that if soil be properly prepared, be reproved by the Association as they may that grain crops never lodge from weak straw -that this, like every other. fact in agriculture, is subject to remedy. Practical men no longer find it necessary to move, because their lands have caused to be good wheat lands. If such lands refuse that, or any other crop, they know how to ascertain the remedy required, and how to apply it. The true value of farmyard manures is becoming better understood, and those who understand the subject best will not apply them alone, to soils requiring such amendments as are not to be found in barnyard manures in notable or sufficient quantity. If the soil is short of any one of the constituents of barn-yard manure, and replete with the other eleven constituents, that one constituents is now added, not by the addition of barn-yard manure, and consequent waste of eleventwelfths of its value, but by directly offering to the soil the missing ingredient. Thousands of acres that have been considered as un-wheatworthy, have been prepared and planted with that crop during the last year, and with results entirely satisfactory to the operators. If the letters we are receiving from farmers this year, should be compared with those we received five years ago, they would be found to give evidence of more study, more correct knowledge, and greater degree of self-reliance.

The more intelligent class of agriculturists refuse to entertain a recipe proposing effects desired, but without any attempt to explain the cause of action. Indeed agriculture is no longer an art alone, but is fairly entitled to the name of a science; free from mystery and easily to be understood. In those districts where we first labored as a lecturer, we now have friends by the score; men who have been induced to study agriculture as they would study any other science, and who repudiate empiricism as they would quackery.

Cattle-breeders view cattle as organisms, the composition of which must be studied, and the requirements of which must be furnished to them in such relative proportions to each other as will produce the best and most profitable results.-Farmers know that an animal cannot become strong and fine boned, if fed on crops raised from soils deficient of the very mineral substances which go to form bones, and they, therefore, add such constituents to the soil as will supply this desideratum. Working and fatting cattle are no longer considered as entitled to the same class of food, but each receives that which will go to form the desired result. The milch cow, too, is fed with a strict view to the production of milk; and those materials of which milk is composed, are resident in the food selected to produce it. In fine, farmers are rapidly learning that, like mechanics, they must possess, on their farms, the raw materials from which the manufacture ed articles desired are to be created.

All permanent improvement of lands must look to lime as its basis.